

RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

IN FAVOR OF

A law for the survey of private land claims in that State.

FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION relative to a speedy survey of the private land claims in Florida.

Whereas there are a very large number of Spanish grants, covering a very large quantity of land, scattered through the eastern portion of Florida; and whereas, although twenty-six years have elapsed since the transfer of Florida, and although from ten to twenty years have elapsed since the confirmation of a majority of said grants, yet but a small portion of the same has been surveyed and located in connexion with the surveys of the public lands; and whereas this state of things acts injuriously upon the country, by rendering titles insecure, and prevents the lands of the United States from being purchased and improved, for fear that it may be found that they are covered by some grants, and the present provision for surveying these grants being entirely inadequate:

1. *Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened,* That our Senators and Representative in Congress be urgently requested to procure the passage by Congress of such additional acts as may be necessary to procure the immediate and final survey of all such grants.

2. *Be it further resolved,* That the governor of this State be requested to transmit a certified copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representative in Congress, and to call the same to their especial notice.

Passed the House of Representatives December 27, 1847.

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House Representatives.

JOHN CHAIN,
Speaker House Representatives.

Passed the Senate December 29, 1847.

C. W. DENNING, *Secretary of Senate.*
D. G. McLEAN, *President of Senate.*

Approved January 1, 1848.

W. D. MOSELEY.

I, James T. Archer, secretary of state of the State of Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of a "preamble and resolution relative to a speedy survey of the private land claims in Florida," now on file in my office.

Witness my official signature and the great seal of the
[L. s.] State of Florida, at Tallahassee, this 22d day
of February, 1848.

JAMES T. ARCHER,
Secretary of State.